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Ms. Ann L. Bell

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Dear Ms. Bell:

I am replying to your letter of January 17, addressed to former Assistant Secretary for Humanitarian Affairs Patricia Derian, concerning the welfare and whereabouts of Abraham Hochman in Argentina.

The Department of State has been aware of Mr. Hochman's case for some time, and our Embassy has made repeated inquiries on Mr. Hochman's behalf at the Argentine Foreign Ministry's Working Group on Human Rights. However, the Foreign Ministry has responded that the Argentine Government has no record of his detention, nor any information regarding his whereabouts.

We will ask our Embassy in Buenos Aires to continue its efforts in Mr. Hochman's behalf. Should any information become available, you will be contacted directly.

Sincerely,

Gerald J. Whitman
Argentine Desk Officer
Office of Southern Cone Affairs

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